



King's Quill

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Pastor's Corner

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Just when you think things can't get any weirder, they do! Any reader of this newsletter knows that one of my sayings is, ***"It's okay to be open-minded – just don't be so open-minded that your brain falls out."*** (Seems like a lot of brains have been hitting the pavement lately, so watch your step!) Social media does a great job of spreading the insanity more efficiently than ever before.

Case in point – a viral video of Anna Helgen, co-pastor at Edina Community Lutheran Church in Edina, Minnesota, leading her congregation in the "Sparkle Creed." (This "creed" even caught the attention of Dr. Matthew Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.) Like many others, I thought it was a spoof at first, the sort of thing you might see on *Babylon Bee*. But no, the video shows members of her parish actively embracing and confessing this heresy in their June worship service. For what? The sake of inclusiveness and political correctness? If you haven't seen or heard it, the "Sparkle Creed" goes like this:

I believe in the non-binary God whose pronouns are plural.

I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic and had two dads and saw everyone as a sibling-child of God.

I believe in the rainbow Spirit, who shatters our image of one white light and refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity.

I believe in the church of everyday saints as numerous, creative, and resilient as patches on the AIDS quilt, whose feet are grounded in mud and whose eyes gaze at the stars in wonder.

I believe in the call to each of us that love is love is love, so beloved, let us love.

I believe, glorious God. Help my unbelief. Amen. (continued...)*

Weekly Sunday Services

8:30 am – Classic Worship

9:45 am – Adult Bible Study

11:00 am – Alternate Worship

Live Stream Worship

<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/online-worship.html>

Use the above link to access the live stream of all services (recordings available)

August Office Hours

Weekly Office Hours

8AM to 4PM Monday – Friday

Due to various staff schedule changes during the summer month, the office hours may vary until the week of August 21. Please call ahead if you need to ensure that staff are in the office if you plan to stop by at specific times. Thank you!

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, making known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, community and the world.

This statement reminds me of an old literary quarrel between Mary McCarthy and Lillian Hellman. In a 1979 interview, McCarthy said of Hellman, **“Every word she writes is a lie, including ‘and’ and ‘the.’”** That is the case here as well. It is blasphemy from beginning to end. In this case, even the “Amen” is false.

We could start with the first article. It’s funny that people who are so adamant that others use their “preferred pronouns” go out of their way to deny God’s clearly indicated “preference” of Father/He/His in His Word. But God’s names and pronouns aren’t merely preferences – they are fact.

Line after line, we get the same sort of thing. How could a faithful Christian shepherd of a congregation draft or publish a creed, a profession of faith, and expect people to confess it sight unseen in a Sunday worship service? I trust there would be a riot in the pews if this heresy showed up in the bulletin or on the screen at King of Kings!



“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more. Nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord” (Jeremiah 23:1-4). This promise to the faithful flock will be repeated by Jesus in John 10 as he describes himself as the Good Shepherd.

We have a Triune God who created us, redeemed us, and keeps us in the one true faith! Our God shines like the sun He created. He doesn’t sparkle like a tube of dime-store glitter. The Word is clear: **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!”** He does not change or shimmer according to human whims. May God the Holy Spirit help us truly confess what Scripture says and nothing more and nothing less. All the more reason for us to confess the Apostles’ Creed and Nicene Creed with gusto!**

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steven Bielenberg

**This creed was originally penned in 2021 by Rachel Small-Stokes, pastor of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky. ** (And yes, even the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday!)*



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Stewardship Corner

In the Apostle Paul’s letter to the church in Corinth, he wrote, *“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also”* (2 Corinthians 8:7). Just as Paul urged them, we are urged to “Excel in the Grace of Giving.” God calls and equips us to be generous people. In Christ, we can stop putting our self-interests first and seek to be giving and sharing people. We give because we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. By God’s grace, we desire to give regularly, generously, and cheerfully.

TONIGHT! ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6 to 8 PM

Again this year, King of Kings Church and School will be hosting a Night to Unite on our playground. We will invite our church's neighbors to join our congregation for some ice cream or frozen custard and friendly conversation. This is an opportunity to tell our neighbors about our church and school and invite them to worship with us. Last year we had 100 people attend. We hope to have more people attend this outdoor event this year.



Attached to the Quill are *Barb's Bulletin*, from King of Kings supported missionary Barb Rebentisch and an update from Jim & Sue Kaiser. Please keep them and all missionaries in your prayers!



PRAYER REQUESTS from Jim and Sue Kaiser, Lutheran Bible Translators in Ethiopia:

- Pray for the checking of the Karama translation of Exodus 22-40 from July 10-28 (4 days/week).
- Pray for Jim as he teaches the introductory Bible translation course at MYS July 5-August 16 (1day/week).
- Pray for the checking of the final book of the Tsamakko New Testament (Romans) from September 4-15.
- Pray for Jim and Susan as we sell personal items here and pack for our departure on September 26. Pray for our transition back to the US.
- Praise God for the growing interest in Bible translation in the EECMY (Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus)

Summer Floor maintenance

Thank you to everyone who adjusted schedules and rooms to accommodate the yearly floor maintenance over the past few weeks.

A HUGE thanks to our floors crew who have done such a great job to prepare our floors for the upcoming year!

Thank You!

Membership Updates:

In by Transfer – James and Paula Aman, Abbie & Emily

Address change: Erven & Joan Gross
2680 Lexington Ave. N
Apt. 427
Roseville, MN 55113
(Phone number remains the same)

S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) is organized to enhance the Older Adult Ministry of the Minnesota South District by providing experiences in Christian fellowship, service, and life enrichment. More information about S.A.G.E.S. is available on the MN South District website or contact us at minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com. [Here is a link](#) to the current newsletter, or pick up a copy on the table in the narthex.

Opportunities for musicians!



King's Ringers will be starting Thursday night practices on **September 7th at 7:00 in the sanctuary**. We're always looking for new ringers. Anyone who can read music can play bells, and it's a great way to contribute to the worship service. Can't make every practice? That's ok – we need a good list of substitute ringers as well. Middle school aged students are also welcome, as long as they have prior experience with band, bells, or piano and strong music-reading skills.

Rejoice Choir will be starting meeting weekly on **Wednesdays starting September 6th at 7:00**. We need voices! Music reading experience isn't necessary, as long as you can pick up tunes by listening. While weekly commitment is ideal, there can also be opportunities for smaller groups or special occasions that would be a shorter-term commitment.

If you're interested in learning more about either group, connect with Rebekah Jorgensen in church, or by email or phone: rjorgensen@kingofkingsroseville.org 651-277-0000

Church Directory Update

The new photo directories are here! Please use the list on the table in the narthex to help us keep a record of who has picked up their copy (1 per family). Contact Deb Gogins or Katie Miller in the office with any questions.

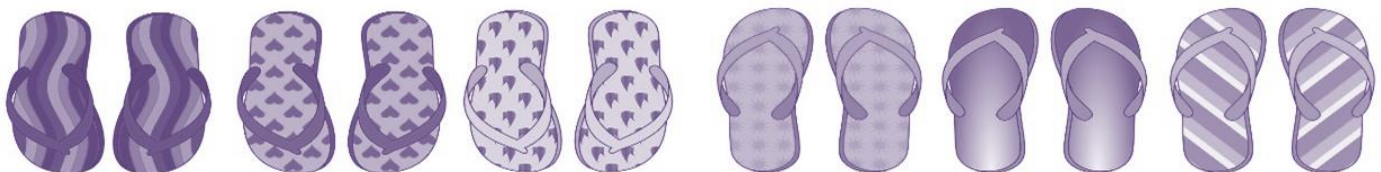




- **Summer Schedule:** All of the events below are marked with MS for Middle School (6th-8th Grade) and HS for High School (9th-12th Grade).
 - **Camping/Canoeing Trip (HS):** Mark your calendar for August 3-6 and check out the registration form on the bulletin boards and website.
 - **Beach Day (MS/HS):** August 9 from 5-8:30 pm at Centerville Lake. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and we'll grill burgers and hot dogs. Consent form is on the bulletin boards and website.
- **Sign Up for Text Alerts!!!** We use Remind to communicate what's coming up. Text the following codes to the number 81010 to sign up or download the Remind app. If you have Verizon, texting is not an option any longer.
 - **MS Youth:** @27c366
 - **HS Youth:** @h8e247
 - **If you have kids in both groups, please sign up for both! Add your kids to the appropriate group as well!** Our main mode of communication is the Weekly Update e-newsletter that comes out on Wednesdays and is sent to all parents of 6th-12th graders. If you are not receiving it or have any questions, please contact Sally Schuster at sschuster@kingofkingsroseville.org, cell: 651-341-3830, office: 612-540-0714 or check your junk mail. You can also check the bulletin boards by the sanctuary and youth room and the website for information.

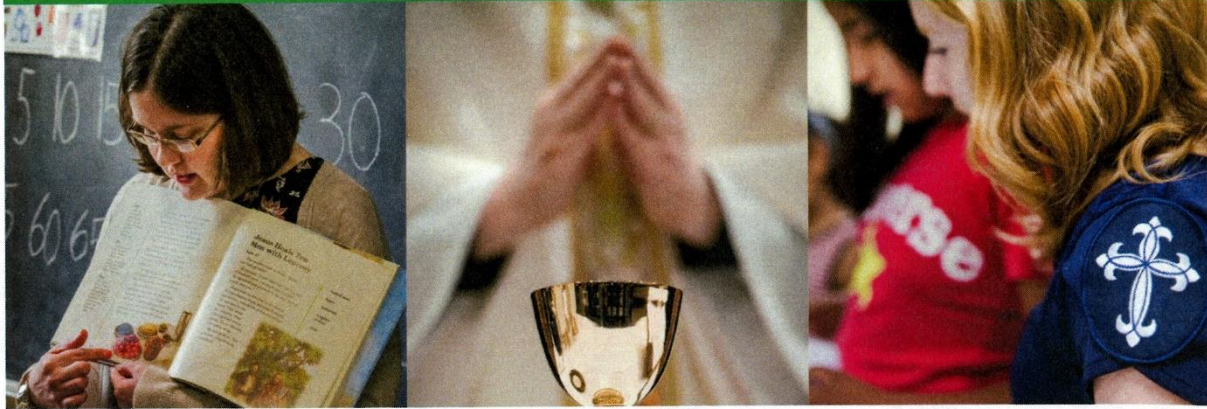


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SET APART TO SERVE

LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT



DID YOU EVER CONSIDER SERVING IN THE CHURCH OR AT AN LCMS SCHOOL?

Are you thinking about a second career in full-time church work?

Many LCMS pastors, teachers, deaconesses and commissioned church workers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same!

Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker.

Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit lcms.org/sas for more information.

Our Lutheran schools, located all around the country, are seeking educators who are interested in a Lutheran school setting. If you are interested, speak with a local LCMS school administrator about open positions in your area.

FIND SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA.

Interested in
SEMINARY
EDUCATION?



weareyourseminaries.org



Interested in
TEACHING?

locator.lcms.org/school

School News and Notes



Sideline with Schutte

On August 21, we will be opening our doors for King of Kings' 60th academic year. Before any of this began, it took the power of the Holy Spirit and a few people to envision what it would look like to provide a Lutheran school in the Roseville area. Here is a brief snapshot of what has been happening since the beginning.

On November 4, 1962, 18 families gathered at the Lake Owasso School for King of Kings' first church service. A few months later, they began renting space at St. Paul Lutheran School (later named Concordia Academy). From the outset, the congregation was interested in Christian education and plans were always to include a Lutheran day school. In 1963, the first phase of construction was completed with four classrooms and a chapel (which is currently our kindergarten and 3rd grade classrooms). In 1964, the school doors opened with 18 students attending 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. In 1978, the kitchen and a multipurpose room were built. The multipurpose room was used as a gym during the week and church services on Sundays. A campaign was started in 1992 for the construction of the sanctuary. As the church and school continued to grow, more space was needed which led to a building addition in 2008 of the office, middle school classrooms, and library.

Throughout the years, God has blessed King of Kings with 741 students graduating 8th grade, with most of them attending Concordia Academy for high school. With the increased demand for private Christian education, we continue to receive weekly inquiries from families about sending their children to King of Kings. For the 2023-2024 school year, we added an additional teaching position so each grade has its own classroom. The 4th grade classroom will now be in the library and 5th grade will be on the south side of the Jerusalem Room. We are projecting our enrollment to its highest ever by exceeding 160 students, with plans to continue to add more to make our school full.

No matter which decade you look at in King of Kings' history, none of it could have been possible without our almighty God and the people He uses to do His work. We are thankful for everyone who has contributed their prayers, time, energy, money, and support to making King of Kings one of the premiere Lutheran grade schools. Please continue to pray and support us as we serve more families in our community!

A HUGE Thank You to those who helped (and endured the hot, steamy days!) to update the mulch on the King of Kings playground! Special thanks to Tommy Murdock for procuring the mulch!



Upcoming Dates

Aug. 16 – Back to School Night
School Pictures

Aug. 20 – Teacher installation, 8:30 Sunday Service

Aug. 21 – First day of school

Facebook is a great way to network and keep connected to church/school. Please find us at the following link and 'like' our page:
www.facebook.com/kokroseville

We also are on [Twitter!](#) [Instagram](#) and [Youtube!](#)

**MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF CHRIST
BY WORD AND DEED WITHIN
OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY,
AND WORLD**

Other News



SAVE THE DATE:

To see the most recent version of upcoming events, visit; <http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/events.html>

A Parish Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting will be held **Wed, August 2 at 7pm**

Dementia: Caring & Coping presentations. Hosted by The Roseville Alzheimer's & Dementia Community Action Team announces a new series of in-person events. These topics are intended to actively improve the quality of life for persons living with dementia and their care partners. A panel of experts will discuss their experiences and insights followed by a question and answer session. Presentations will take place in person at the Roseville City Hall - City Council Chambers at 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN. They will be available later as recordings. Presentations are free and no registration is required.

The Dementia Journey - Teepa Snow's Approach to Dementia Care August 8, 2023 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM CDT. Learn about the ongoing changes and stages of dementia and effective ways to respond to various situations in this interactive presentation. Brittany Harris, Certified Coach, and Amy House C.D.P., Certified Trainer, in Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care®, will help you understand the different stages experienced by persons living with dementia.

Lutheran Night At The Twins The annual **Lutheran Night at the Twins** will take place on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023** as the Twins take on the Detroit Tigers! Groups of 20 or more will receive discounted tickets and may, if interested, participate in the Lutheran Night National Anthem Choir! It's also a "Dollar Dog" night and family value concessions are available for certain sections. See the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

Back-to-School Night for King of Kings school families will take place on **Wednesday, August 16th 4:00-8:00PM**. Please keep our students, faculty, and staff in your prayers as we prepare for another year of school.

Installation of King of Kings Teachers will take place **Sunday, August 20, at the 8:30 Service**. Please join us as we welcome Rachel Schutte (Kindergarten) and Rebecca Jahr (5th grade and math) for the upcoming school year.

Mark Your Calendars!

Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns this fall on **November 11 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. This event features dozens of crafters and vendors, a café with delicious treats, hourly prize drawings, and fun for everyone.

More information at www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair Registration is now open to all crafters and vendors! You can go to the website to register and complete your payment online (preferred method).



January 2024 – Journey with Jesus & His Disciples Have you ever wanted to see where Jesus and His disciples carried out their ministry? Join Pastor Mark Shockey and his wife Joann on an exciting and educational 10-day journey to Israel in January 2024! Many more details available in a full-color brochure on the bulletin board and table in the narthex.

King of Kings Online Giving

You can use the gold button on the King of Kings website homepage set up regular or one-time giving:
<http://www.kingofkingsroseville.org/>

Please Keep the Endowments at King of Kings Lutheran Church and School in mind: Linda ZumHofe Endowment (Tuition Funding); King of Kings Elementary Endowment (Tuition Funding); Member Hardship Endowment



